Near-Future
Science-Fiction
Action

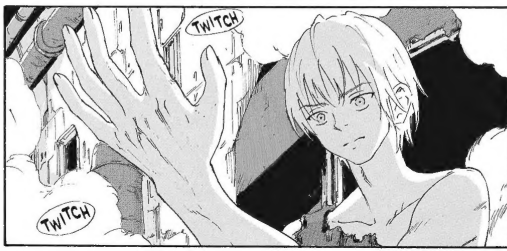
Act 13
[Haruto Returns]

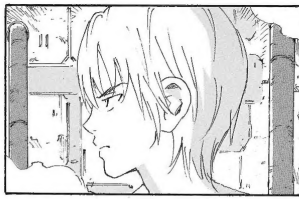
COPPELION

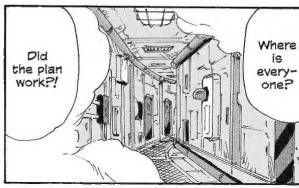
Special Forces against radiation

presented by
Tomonori Inoue

FSSSSH
Haruto sacrificed himself to the fire in Shelter 109.... with Ibara in danger, he returns!
2036 AD. A new group of Coppelion, the "Retrieval Unit," appeared during the battle in Tokyo—but their rampage is by order of Yellow Cake, not the Japanese government! Using a survivor as a hostage, they captured Aoi Fukasaku. Ibara tracked them down—but was shot by the enemy!
Shelter 109

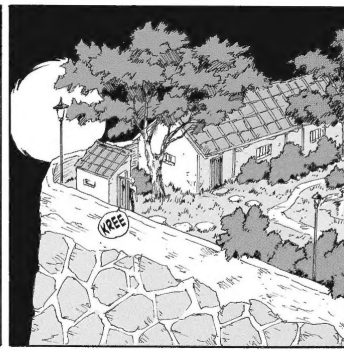

TWITCH
TWITCH

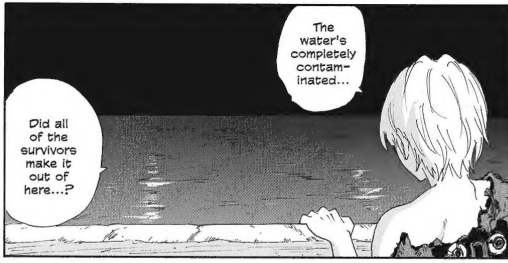



Did the plan work?!
Where is everyone?

Looks like they're still adjusting my body.
My skin cells are regenerating rapidly...
TWITCH
TWITCH

...!


KREE


The water's completely contaminated...
Did all of the survivors make it out of here...?

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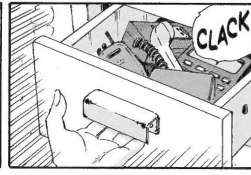
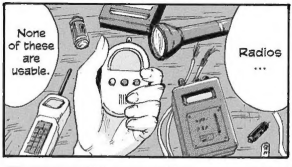
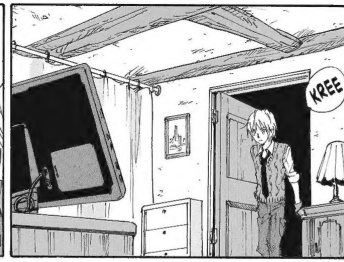
M
P


CLACK


None of these are usable.
Radios ...

CLANK
CLANK

Come on...
There's electricity.
CLICK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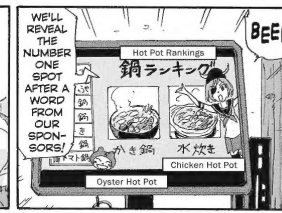
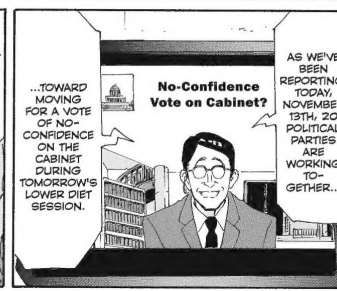
The news...
It turned on!
BOOP


WE'LL REVEAL THE NUMBER ONE SPOT AFTER A WORD FROM OUR SPON-SORS!
BEEP
Hot Pot Rankings
鍋ランキング
かき鍋
水炊き
Chicken Hot Pot
Oyster Hot Pot

A vote of no confi-dence?!


...TOWARD MOVING FOR A VOTE OF NO-CONFIDENCE ON THE CABINET DURING TOMORROW'S LOWER DIET SESSION.
No-Confidence Vote on Cabinet?
AS WE'VE BEEN REPORTING, TODAY, NOVEMBER 13TH, 20 POLITICAL PARTIES ARE WORKING TO-GETHER...

AND THERE ARE ALSO THOSE WHO, WITH PRIME MINISTER NATSUME'S HOSPITALIZATION IN MIND, DOUBT HIS ABILITY TO LEAD—
Prime Minister Natsume
ワーワー
RAAA
RAAA
NO MORE WAR!
STOP NUCLEAR POWER
FOR THE FUTURE
NO
MANY HAVE VOICED THEIR CRITICISM OF THE GOVERNMENT'S DECISION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE KAZAKHSTAN WAR...
Busy guy, isn't he.
...
HE CANCELED THE SCHEDULED PRESS CONFERENCE AND IS CURRENTLY IN MEETINGS AT THEIR PARTY HEADQUARTERS.
ACTING PRIME MINISTER OUGAI, THE CABINET SECRETARY, HAS BEEN BUSY HANDLING THE FALLOUT...
Already?!
9:00 PM?!
CLATTER
カタン
Then it's been a whole day since last night!
THE TIME IS NOW 9:00 PM.
BEEP
21:00

THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE, AS THE WORLD WAITS WITH BATED BREATH—
Kazakhstan War
AND NOW FOR A FOLLOW-UP ON THE KAZAKH-STAN WAR.

SWSH
SHK
CHK

F
W
A
P

SWSH

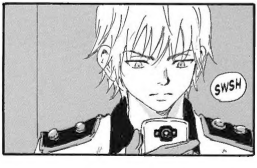
HALT

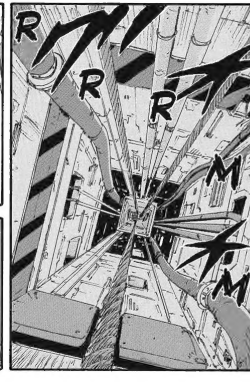
KREE
CLOP
FLASH
FLASH
Dr. Coppelius's formula...

I have to find a way to the surface.

I'll solve it later.
Now, then...
SWSH

R
R
M
M
R


SWSH


R
R
R
M
M
M

RRR オォォン
RRR オォォン
Why would he do something so laborious?
He wrote it all as a cipher...
SWSH
DING
PSSSSH
Did he leave it...
...as a challenge?

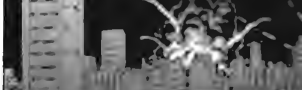
RA TA TA
!
BOOM

RA TA TA
BWOOM

BOOM
RA TA TA
It's from outside.
Some-body's busy up there.

RA TA TA

BWOOM
RA TA TA TA


BOOM

Are they still bombing?!
One, two, three... there's the Black Wings.

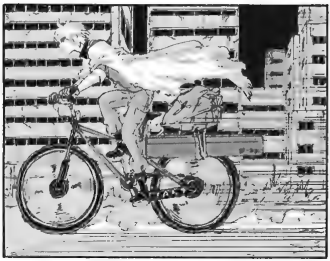
RA
TA
TA

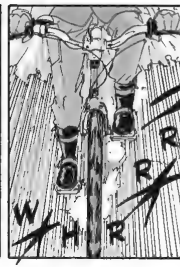
Is it Kanon's group?!
An anti-air cannon...

RA
TA
TA

...
!

シブヤサイクル




W
H
R
R
R

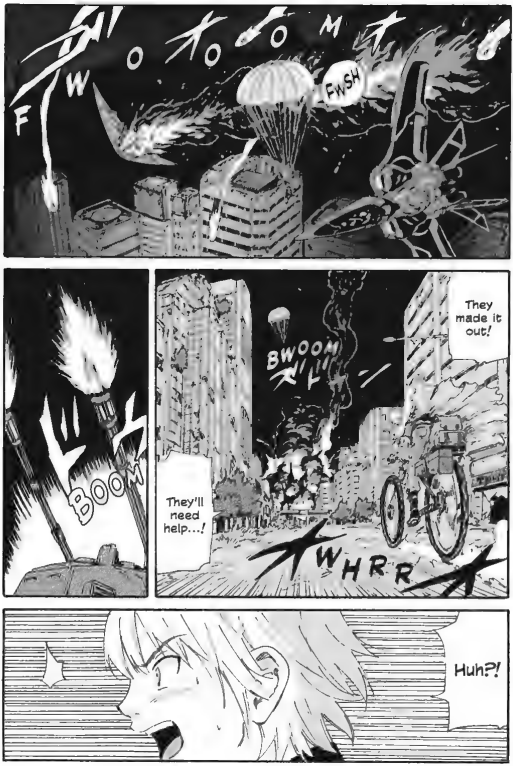
ゴォォン
RRM
What?!
!
There's another large aircraft—
ゴォォン
RRM
ゴォォン
RRM
ゴォォン
RRM

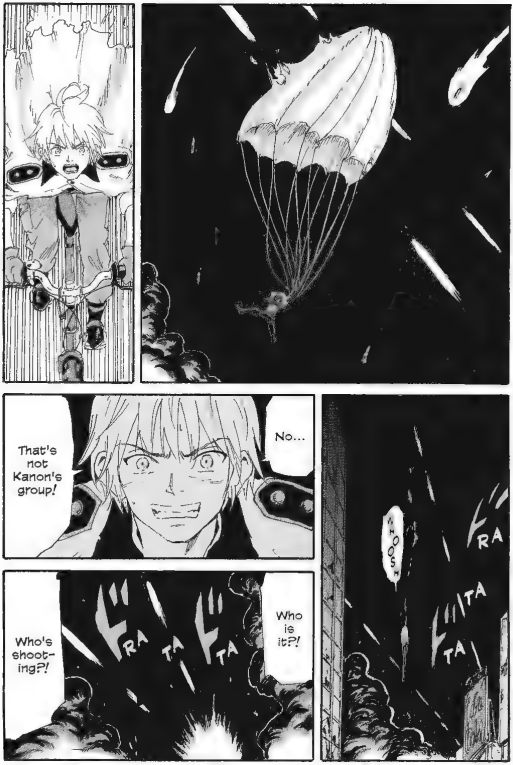
TA
TA
RA

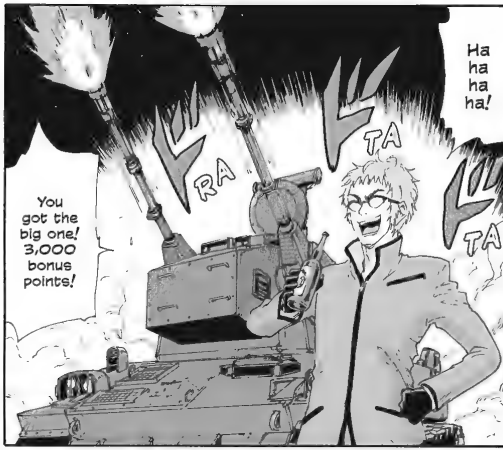
WHRR
An aerial refueling craft!
Is it manned ?!

!!

KA
BOOM

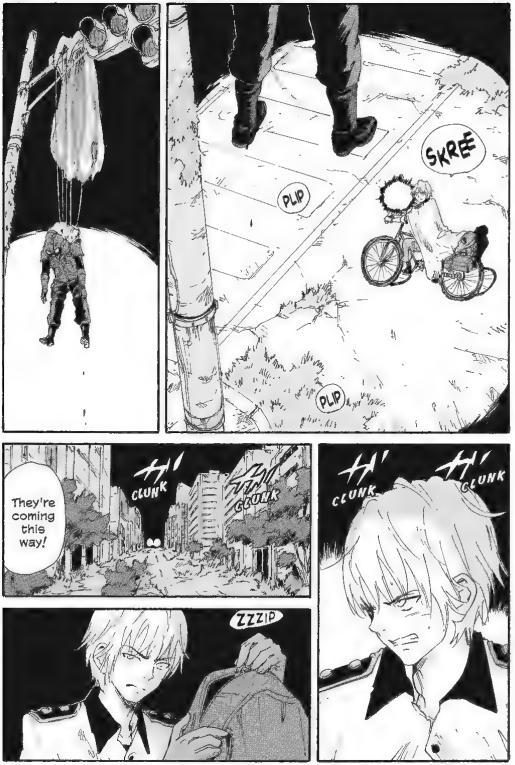

FWOOOOM
FWSH
BOOM
BWOOM
They made it out!
They'll need help...!
WHRR
Huh?!

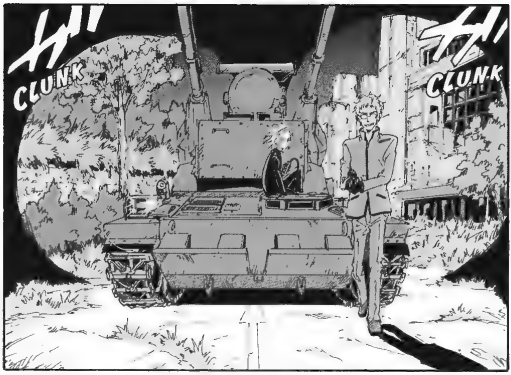

No...
That's not Kanon's group!
Who is it?!
Who's shooting?!
RA
TA
TA
TA
RA
TA
TA
SHOOM


Ha ha ha ha!
TA
TA
RA
You got the big one! 3,000 bonus points!

We've got all night, Ryouga.
Sit back and enjoy the show.

CHK
That was the refueling craft, bro.
Those drones are gonna be zipping around like mad.


PLIP
SKREE
PLIP
They're coming this way!
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
CLUNK
ZZZIP


CLUNK
CLUNK

...nobody can come to Tokyo.
As long as the Black Wings are controlling the skies...

When the hell're those three professors gonna get here?
Sheesh, why do we gotta work overtime like this?

Look.
Or they'll get blown to pieces like that refueler, huh?

Sucks to be a grunt, doesn't it? I know how ya feel.
SPLSH
SPLSH

?!

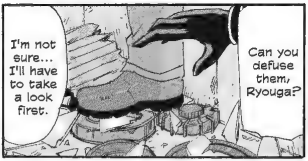
CLANG
Shit! Gun-fire!
CLINK

CLANG
It's coming from that building, bro!

TA
TA
TA
TA
CLANG
CLINK

KRASH
KRISH
I saw a white cape!
FWUMP
SWSH
DASH!

Dead as a doornail! Serves you right!
Ha ha ha...!
!
KRSH
Why don't we ask him?
There was only one para-chute.
Who was it?
FLASH
Land mines! A bunch of them!
Wh...?


I'm not sure... I'll have to take a look first.
Can you defuse them, Ryouga?

Stop! Don't move, bro!
I know, you little shit!

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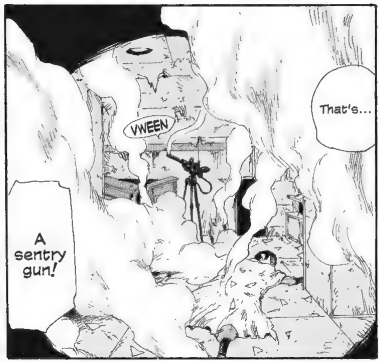
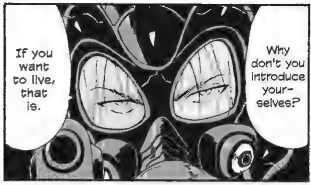
...

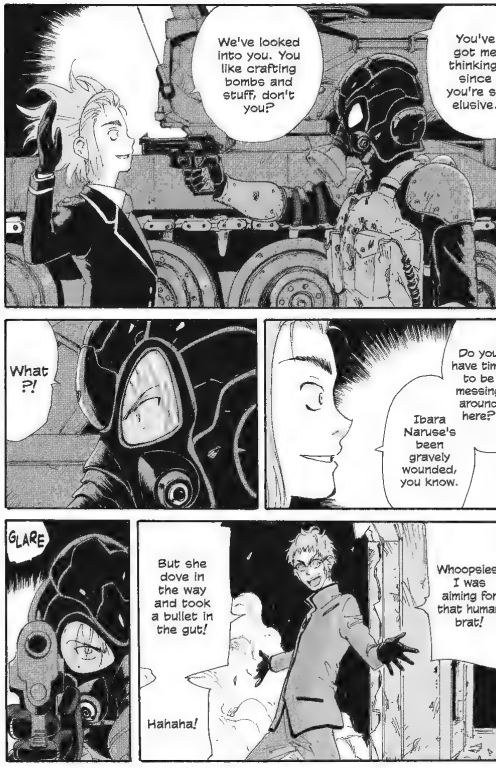

VWEEN
That's...
A sentry gun!

Drop your weapons.


If you want to live, that is.
Why don't you introduce yourselves?

Dammit ...!
Playing dead? That's a dick move, dude!

So you're Haruto Kurosawa?
...I see!


We've looked into you. You like crafting bombs and stuff, don't you?
You've got me thinking, since you're so elusive.
What?!
Do you have time to be messing around here?
Ibara Naruse's been gravely wounded, you know.
GLARE
But she dove in the way and took a bullet in the gut!
Whoopsies! I was aiming for that human brat!
Hahaha!

AW
THUD
!!
FWUMP
WHUMP

FWAP
Crush him!
Get him, big guy!
PUNK
WHUD
WHUD
WHUD
BANG
BANG
WHOOSH

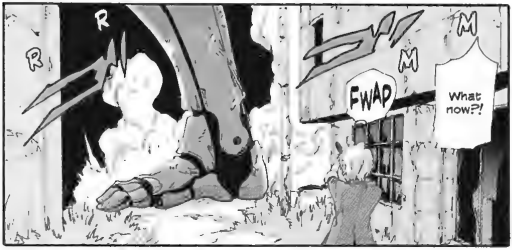
BANG
?!
KA
BOOM

CLANG
THUD
!!
Shit, he got away!
Crap, Ingmar's face...
WHUMP
TMP
TMP
TWITCH
TWITCH
Ryouga, first things first! The mines!
...This may take some time, bro.

HUFF
HUFF

WHUD
?!

Who were they?
Tch...
HUFF


R
R
M
M
FWAD
What now?!

The Edon Type-O!
HWOO
Are you all safe?
Yeah! But Miss Ibara—
Where is she?!
It's Haruto!
SKREE
Hey, look!
109

But she's...
Tokyo University Hospital!
Wait for me, Naruse!
I'll save you!
The only one who can bring Ibara back from the brink of death is Haruto with his regenerative powers! But will he make it to her in time?!
to be continued...

Near-Future Science-Fiction Action

Act 14
[To a World of Darkness]

COPPELION
forces against radiation

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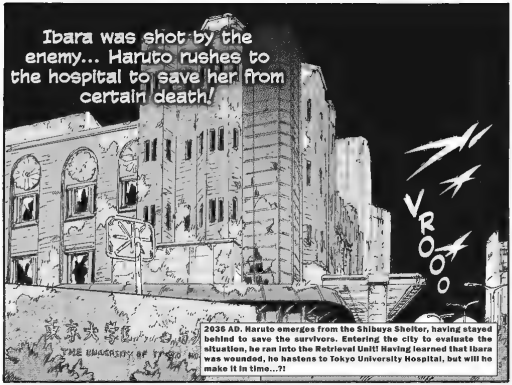
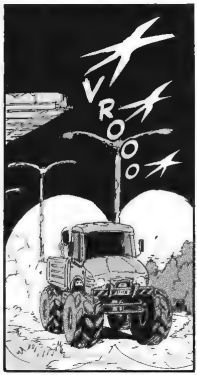

Ibara was shot by the enemy... Haruto rushes to the hospital to save her from certain death!
VROOO
THE UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO HOSPITAL
2035 AD. Haruto emerges from the Shibuya Shelter, having stayed behind to save the survivors. Entering the city to evaluate the situation, he ran into the Retrieval Unit! Having learned that Ibara was wounded, he hastens to Tokyo University Hospital, but will he make it in time...?!

SKREE

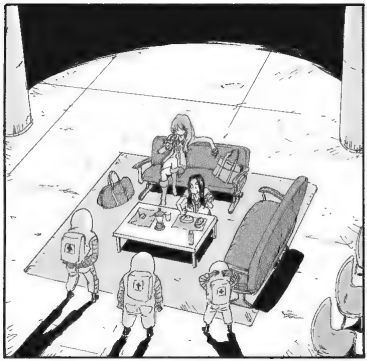

VROOO

Yeah! Hurry!
Is this it?!
BAM
108

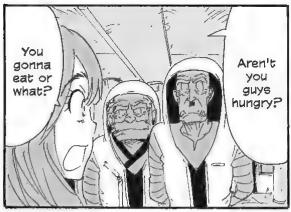
She's in an operating room over there!
He was burned alive, wasn't he?
It's Haruto!
What is he, *invincible*?
!
BAM
Here!

BEEP
BEEP
Why are YOU here?!
FWAP
Dr. Coppelius!
Hello there, Haruto!
Hold on! I gave her emergency treatment!
Otherwise, she'd have died!
Right, little boy?!

BEEEEE
BEEP BEEP
BEEP BEEP
Stop!
She's still in danger!
Oh no, her pulse!
I'll take care of the rest.
FW
AP



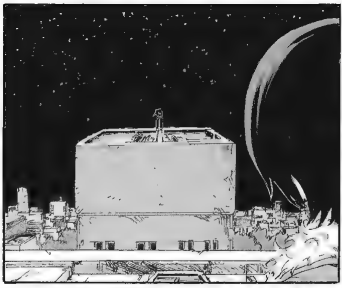
IN PROGRESS
手術中

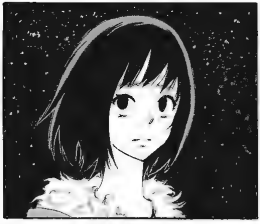

You gonna eat or what?
Aren't you guys hungry?

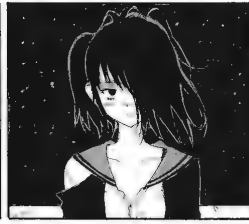
We gotta stick with just this today.
We have nutrient jelly!
SLURP
PCH

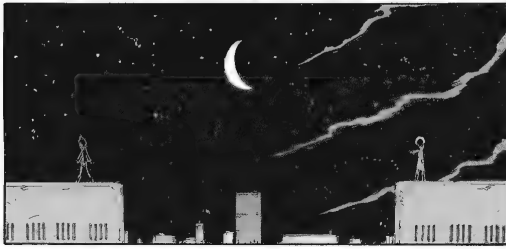
SLURP
OMF
OMF

Our leader got shot, what can we do?
Beats me!
What does this mean for the evacuation plan?
We only have enough oxygen and food ta last us until tomorrow mornin'!
There ain't any.
Sis, where's dessert?
Thank goodness Haruto's here!
Those two are useless!
We'll just have to wait for the rep to get back on her feet.









BEEP
BEEP
SWSH
CLOP
?
Is this everyone?

I'll be taking charge until then.
Once her body's healed, she should wake up on her own.
I gave her some of my power to regenerate.
Naruse's stable now.

I ran into them.
The Retrieval Unit...
I don't believe we can reason with them.

These Retrieval Unit guys showed up out of nowhere and nabbed Aoi Fukasaku.
The plan's totally screwed up, Haruto!
What now?

Those three must be coming to collect Aoi Fukasaku.
Otherwise the three professors can't enter Tokyo, they said.
They have their hands full trying to bring down the Black Wings.

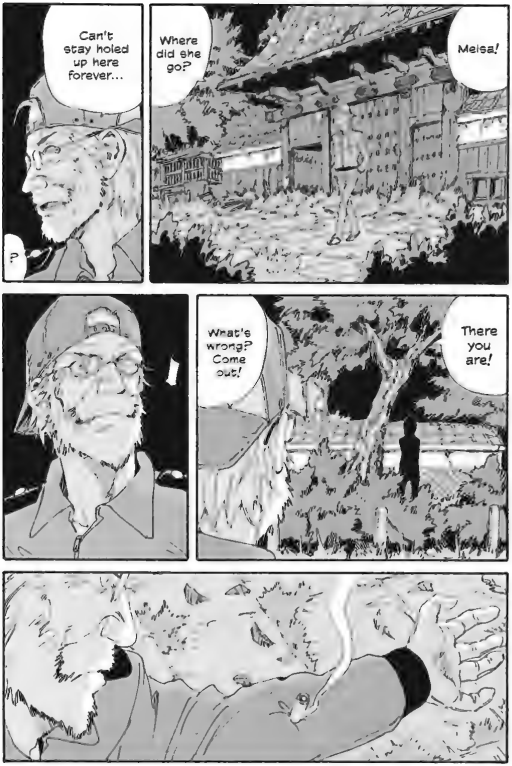
Huuuh.
So as long as the Black Wings are in the sky...
...we don't gotta worry about Aoi?
Exactly.
We'll have them keep each other busy for now.
The Fossiloids hide themselves at night.
They'll surely sneak up on us again.
But we can move through the city easily for now.
Don't forget about the reopening of the Daiba coffin!
We just checked the reading. The radiation's still increasing little by little.
If this keeps up, we won't be able to set foot in Haneda Airport!
...
How close is the sub-marine?

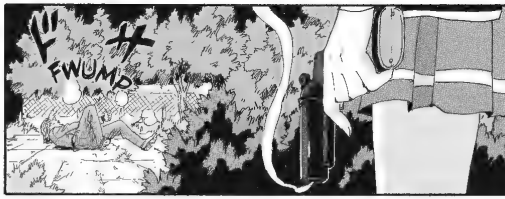
VROOOO
...?
What's up, kid?
Hellooo! Come in, Nomura!
The Black Wings are jamming the radios. They won't work this close to the center of the city.
She's not a bad girl.
Klara...

Ones that'll blow up if they go against orders.
They've got those chips in their heads, right?
...DOWNTOWN, SO WE CAN'T MAKE CONTACT—
FVVT
She was screwed from birth.
Give it up, kid! There's no way for us to save her.
HUH?! OH, KANON! THANK GOODNESS!
SKREE
Hey Nomura, it's me!
ARE YOU ALRIGHT?!
TMP
That's Nomura's voice.
We got through!

Where are we?
Why, we're still in Denenchofu.
I see... Aoi was ...?!
Yes...
Y-Yes...
Oh, I see!
SAY WHAT?! HOW STUPID ARE YOU?!
WHAT ARE YOU DILLY-DALLYING FOR?! GET YOUR ASSES TO HANEDA!
But the submarine hasn't arrived there yet.
Huh?!
How do you know that?!
Who were you speaking with a moment ago?
WITH ME.

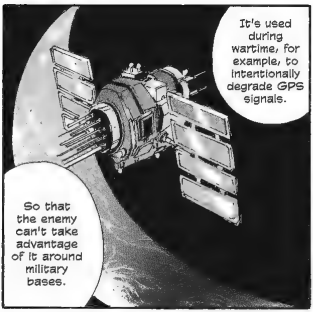
My apologies for speaking so quietly.
This is Vice Principal Mishima, on the submarine Genryu.
One of the Black Wings drones is pursuing us.
...BUT THAT'S ALL WE CAN MANAGE AT THE MOMENT.
WE SENT UP A TRANS-MITTER BUOY.
How are you reaching us from under-water?
Vice Prin-cipal Mishi-ma.
Do you have a plan?
OUGAI WOULD GO TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH TO STOP US, IT SEEMS.
R R R M M
WE WERE WAITING FOR THE DRONE TO LEAVE, BUT IT WAS MET BY A REFUELER CRAFT.

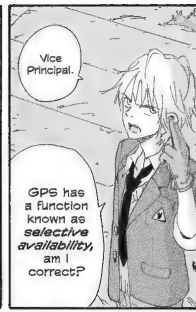

Can't stay holed up here forever...
P
Where did she go?
Melsa!
What's wrong? Come out!
There you are!


FWUMP

They should be using GPS during flight, among other sensors.
Yes. The Black Wings are controlled by AI.
GPS?!

Uuugh, I don't get it!
So what about it?
Otherwise they wouldn't be able to fly over the ocean in the dark.
He's right.


It's used during wartime, for example, to intentionally degrade GPS signals.
So that the enemy can't take advantage of it around military bases.


Vice Principal.
GPS has a function known as *selective availability*, am I correct?

Can we use it against the Black Wings?
...Well?

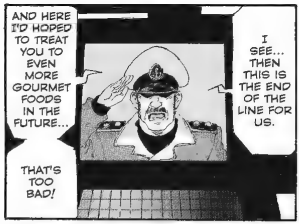
!
Correct. You know your way around military secrets...

That's a no-brainer!

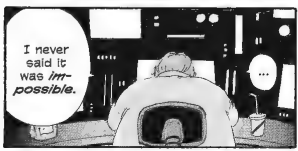
You want us to mess with the GPS satellites to confuse the drones' AI... and then what?
H-Hey now...

Send 'em off with some anti-air missiles!
You've got plenty, don't deny it! Gyahaha!
You can't be serious.
They'll blow us out of the water the moment we start our engines!
Quit your whining!
You know what'll happen if you don't show at Haneda!
You're the JGSDF— you should be willing to risk your lives to save these guys!
GRIP
Dammit ...
Yeah, we'll save 'em! Our necks are already on the line!
SHH!

I'll find someone!
Do you have anyone who could hack into the GPS system?
VP.
Listen, VP...
Nagoya, Third Division Research Center—
Hack the GPS system?!
There are countless GPS satellites orbiting the Earth.
And they're all the property of different nations!

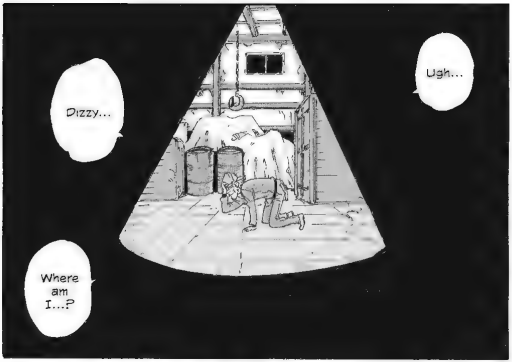

AND HERE I'D HOPED TO TREAT YOU TO EVEN MORE GOURMET FOODS IN THE FUTURE...
THAT'S TOO BAD!
I SEE... THEN THIS IS THE END OF THE LINE FOR US.

We'd become inter-national fugitives!
We can't hack them all at once.
OMF
OMF


I never said it was *im-possible.*

...There's some-thing I'd like to ask Dr. Cop-pelius.
SWIP
Let's go back to the hospital.

We could go beat the daylights out of the Retrieval Unit.
So what do we do in the mean-time?
Alright, sounds like we're on to some-thing.

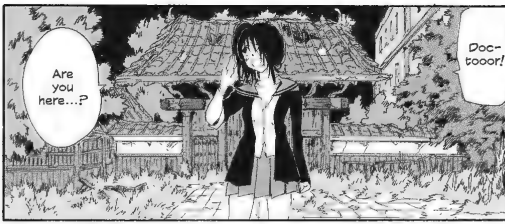

Ugh...
Dizzy...
Where am I...?

...!

...!
She looks like me.
Or is this me?
Give it back.
I was shown that picture so many times.
I was even made to wear my hair the same way as her.
FLING

You created countless "Setsuna Itamis," and threw them all away.
Did you think you could revive the dead?
You threw us away.
And yet...
...in a world of darkness.
And we were forgotten...
STREET
バターン
SLAM

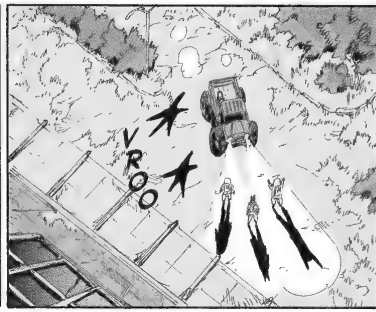
I have no excuses.
Do with me as you like.
You were put through a horrible experience.
You would have been handed over to the three professors after I was chased out of the lab...
...
So that's what happened.
...?
There's something we need from you.
Stand up.


Are you here...?
Doc-tooor!

VRROOO
!

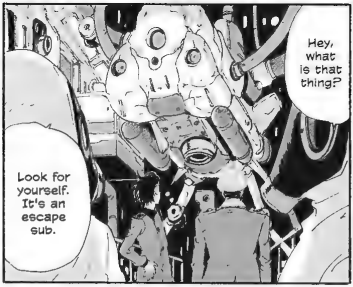
Ugh ...
You were the one who told me to wait here...

KRRE


VROO

Dr. Coppelius is gone.
Well...
Did some-thing happen?
What's wrong?
We searched for him, but...
What?!
Why didn't you say so sooner?!
Aw...
I got scold-ed...
Think he's been kidnapped? Gyahaha!
Oh yeah, the Retrieval Unit was looking for 'im!
AHAHA!

You found one?!
Yes, VP!


Hey, what is that thing?
Look for yourself. It's an escape sub.

This is it.
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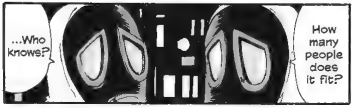
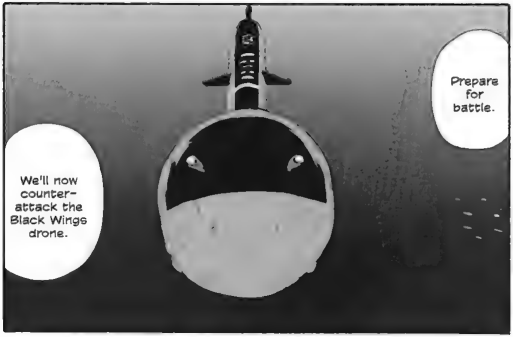

How many people does it fit?
...Who knows?

So if this doesn't work we'll be rotting at the bottom of the ocean... dammit!
It's probably meant for the Prime Minister.
I can hack into a GPS satellite at any time!
I'm ready to activate selective availability.
VICE PRIN-CIPAL MISHIMA!
The Black Wings' AI is quite advanced.
It can likely correct for the error in a matter of seconds.
Uh... there's one problem.
Shall we?
Well, then...

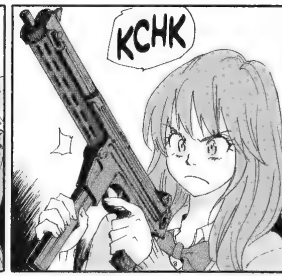
SO YOU CAN USE THAT MOMENT TO HIT THE DRONE WITH A MISSILE!
HOWEVER... THE AI WILL FREEZE UP DURING THAT TIME.

That's it?!
Se-conds?!

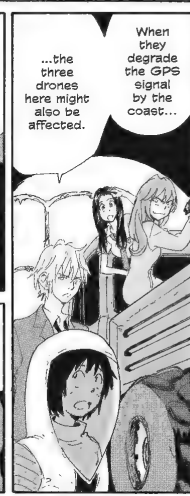
All hands, take your sta-tions.


Prepare for battle.
We'll now counter-attack the Black Wings drone.

Where're you goin' with those?
Huh?
THUD


KCHK

We need to monitor the situation...
And keep the three professors and the Retrieval Unit from meeting—
RA
TA
TA


When they degrade the GPS signal by the coast...
...the three drones here might also be affected.

...Kanon!
Don't forget about Kiara!
You can't kill her!

...in the Genryu's success
We can only trust
We'll treat her special
Okay already!
Cleanup Crew, move out...!
DRA DTA DTA
BOOM
Next time, the Genryu goes into battle!
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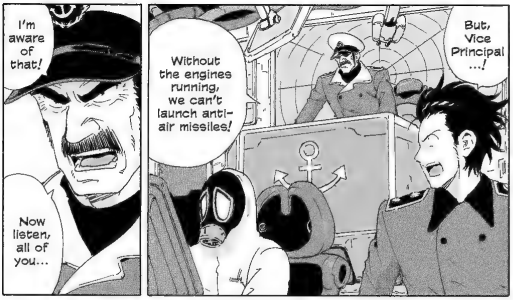
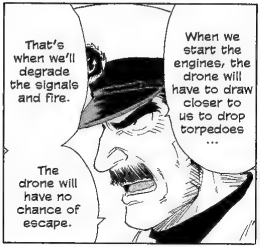
WHOOO

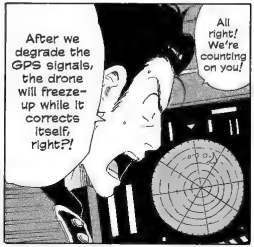

I'm aware of that!
Now listen, all of you...
Without the engines running, we can't launch anti-air missiles!
But, Vice Principal ...!

But we *must* make it to Haneda. The survivors are counting on us to get them out.
Should we fail, we'll be sunk.
We only have one chance to get this right.

SWD
Glory to the 3rd Division Tokyo Rescue Team!
Commence the operation!

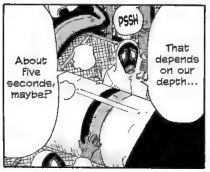
This is Mushanokoji, in Nagoya!
I'm hacking the GPS signals over the Pacific coast...
CLACK
CLACK
I'll implement the hack over a large range, just in case!

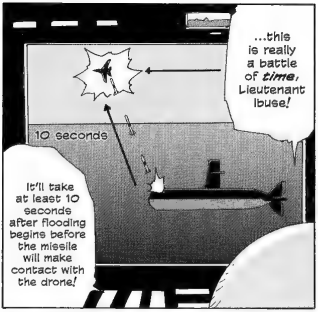

When we start the engines, the drone will have to draw closer to us to drop torpedoes ...
That's when we'll degrade the signals and fire.
The drone will have no chance of escape.


After we degrade the GPS signals, the drone will freeze-up while it corrects itself, right?!
All right! We're counting on you!

How long will it take for the launch tube to flood?
Don't make a sound, got that?

This is the missile team!
HRRNG
We're manually loading the missile now!


PSSH
About five seconds, maybe?
That depends on our depth...


...this is really a battle of *time*, Lieutenant Ibuse!
10 seconds
It'll take at least 10 seconds after flooding begins before the missile will make contact with the drone!

We've only got seconds before the drone's AI comes back online, you know!
That ain't very exact, bub...
So that means ...

All it'll take now is the press of a button!
I'm done setting up!

If we don't bring that thing down while its AI's out, it's game over!
... Is this really gonna work?!

All hands ...
Stand by for my signal!

Fooah...
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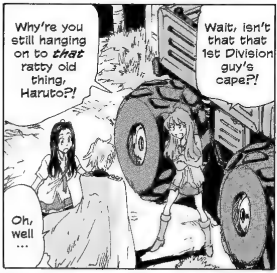
Why're you still hanging on to *that* ratty old thing, Haruto?!
Wait, isn't that that 1st Division guy's cape?!
Oh, well ...

Took a while to find it!
TMP
Sorry!

This is property of the JGSDF.
I have to return it to headquarters, after this is all over.

Any change in the drones' movements?
In any case...
I doubt anybody's gonna want that piece of crap back.
Say what?
The Genryu should be starting its operation any minute now.
Hopefully it won't disable the drones over here as well...
Those Retrieval Unit kids shoot like crap!
BOOM
BOOM
Nope. Same old, same old.
Let's move in for a closer look.
VW
EEN
BOOM
BOOM
Or they might get shot down regardless of bad aim.

Come on, come on, come on!!
BWOOM
BWOOM
BWOOM
Why won't you just get hit?!
Got a problem.
KCHK
We're almost out of shells, bro.
Well that's the only weapon we can use, ain't it?
GULP
Whatcha gonna do, shoot 'em down with a little hand-gun?
Should we report to the boss?
We'd better tell her the professors will be late...
Kiara, we've got a job for you.
Go tell Setsuna what's going on.

Is Ingmar no use anymore?
Whatcha glaring for?
How 'bout a drink to wake you up?
Morning, big guy!
FLING
Ouurgh!
Or no supper for you!
KRASH
Now get moving!

Dr. Coppelius...
Where are you?!
ビュオオオ

He's in the Retrieval Unit!
It's that huge freak ...!
WHUMP
WHUMP
WHUMP
WHUMP
WHUMP
?!
Now where might you be off to? Heheh...
WEEE

Start the engines!
Now!
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
VRRRRM
BEEP
BEEP
?!
The drone's approaching rapidly from six o'clock!
SSSSSH
The sonobuoy the drone dropped picked up the sound of our engines!

Wait for my command!
NO!
We can't wait any longer! Prepare to fire—
MURMUR
MURMUR
Distance is 5,000... 4,500... it's closing in fast!
BWSH
...
BRRR
MMM

What's our distance now?!
!
GASP
They've fired a torpedo!
You have to move...
What are you doing?!
1,500 meters! It's about to pass over us!
BEEP
B
R
R
M
M
M
...or the Genryu will be blown to smithereens!

BEEP
BEEP
Shouldn't we start flooding the launch tube?!
This is the missile team!
BEEP
RRMMM
BEEP
BEEP
RRMMM
You'll be sunk ....!!
Ahh ...!
FWSS
SH

KA
BOOM
FW
SSSH

RAAA
Yes! Just as planned!
It hit the escape sub!

...?!

VRRRMMM

PLUNK
BWSSSHH

Flood the launch tube!
Full speed ahead!

BEEP
BEEP
P!
R
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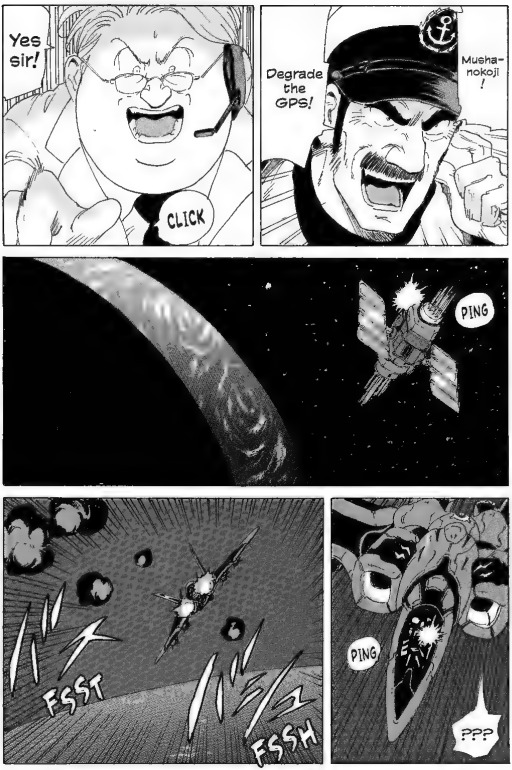
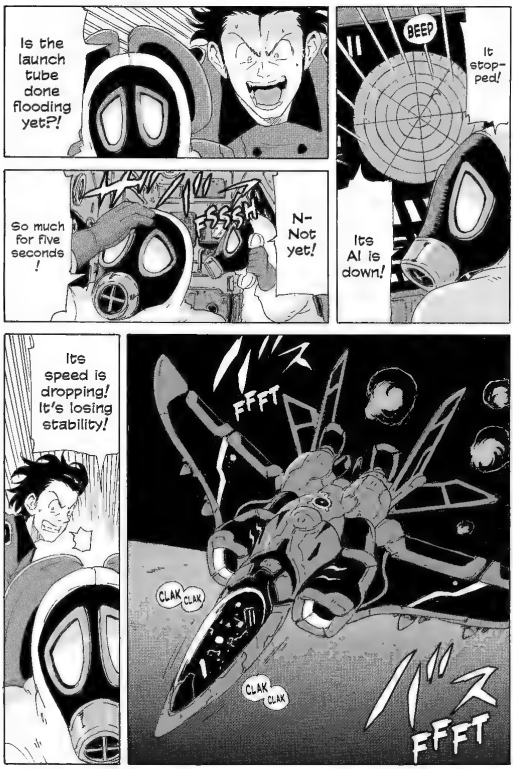
M
M
M
Crap! Here comes another torpedo!
The drone's locked on to us!


Yes sir!
CLICK
Degrade the GPS!
Mushanokoji!
PING
FSST
FSSH
PING
???


Is the launch tube done flooding yet?!
BEEP
It stopped!
It's AI is down!
N-Not yet!
FSSSH
So much for five seconds!
It's speed is dropping! It's losing stability!
FFFT
CLAK CLAK
CLAK CLAK
FFFT

BEEP
F-Flooding com-plete!
It's gonna be back online any moment now...!
SPUT
SPUT
Come on ...!
Fire!
F
W
A
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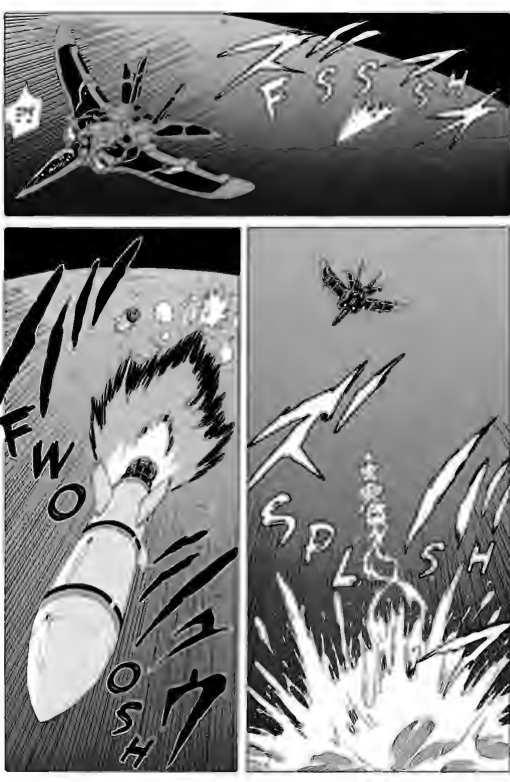

FSSSH
FWOOSH
SPLASH

It'll shake the missile off!
The AI corrects itself!
BEEP BEEP
BWSHY
BEEEEEP
We just gotta believe...!
The missile's faster now!
It's gonna make it...!!

BEEEEEP
KA
BOOM

PHEW

W... We did it!
RAAA
We beat them!

Where am I?! Who are you ruffians ?!
PSSSH
Y... You! What's the meaning of this ?!

Return me to Kyoto at once! I must appear at the summit meeting!
SNAP
You bastards ... You've abducted me!
I see you're finally awake!
SWP
Why, Prime Minister Natsume!
H...
We're currently en route to Haneda Airport!
Ah, that would be impossible, sir!
No! Let me off this thing!
Haneda, Tokyo P!
R R R
M M

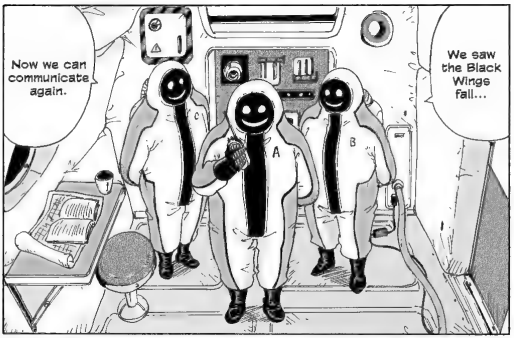
...?!
BOOM
The Black Wings drones ...!
KABOOM
They're all goin' down... How?!
That's ...
SKREE
FWOOOOM
Wh ...?

No, we're just that damn good! Idiot!
I think they stopped working for a moment there, so...

Looks like we got the short end of the stick.
So the drones over here froze-up, too...

...that's 50,000 bonus points for you!
Well, well... Dunno why they started dropping like flies all of a sudden, but...

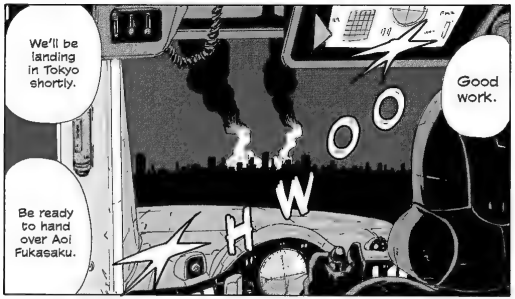
Now they can make it to Haneda.
Yeah... I'm sure they did.
But... that means the Genryu shot down the drone that was buzzing around them, right?
We can finally get the survivors out of here.
FZZT
RETRIEVAL UNIT, COME IN.


Now we can communicate again.
We saw the Black Wings fall...
A
B

We've been waiting for your call.
This is the Retrieval Unit.

That stupid voice...
The three professors!

It's safe with us now.
We retrieved your /lost item/, just as ordered ...


We'll be landing in Tokyo shortly.
Good work.
Be ready to hand over Aoi Fukasaku.
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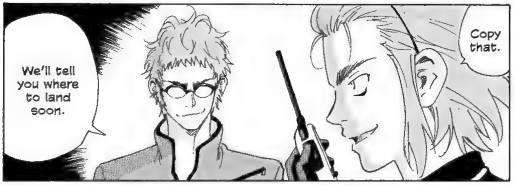
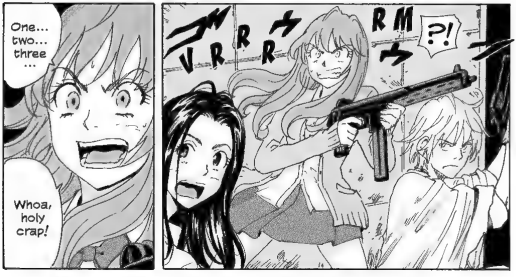
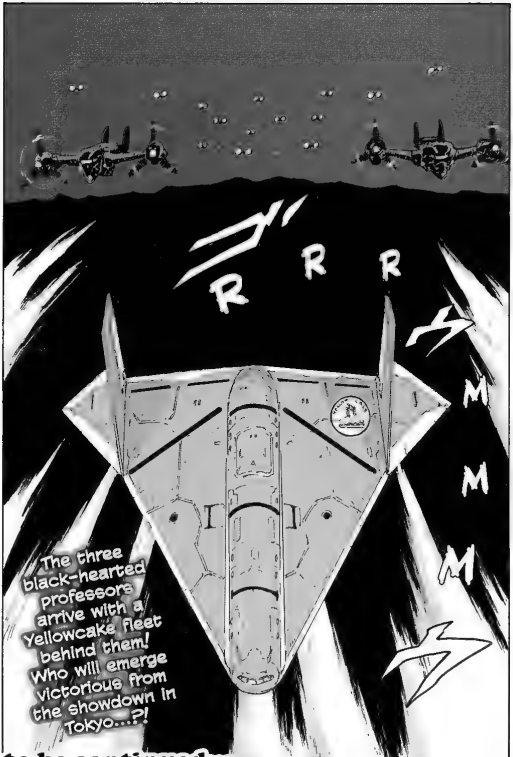

We'll tell you where to land soon.
Copy that.


One... two... three ...
Whoa, holy crap!
VRRR
RM
?!


R R R
M M M
The three black-hearted professors arrive with a Yellowcake fleet behind them! Who will emerge victorious from the showdown in Tokyo...?!

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Act 16
[Beneath the Masks]

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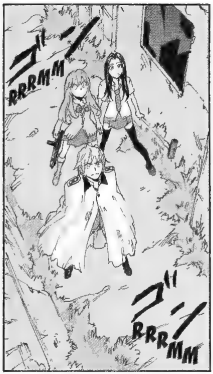
ゴ・・・
RRRMM
ゴ・・・
RRRMM
A fleet of Yellow Cake ships lead by the three cruel professors looms over Tokyo...!
2036 AD. Stopped in their tracks by a Black Wings combat drone, the 3rd Division Tokyo Rescue Team risked their lives to bring it down—but in the wake of their success, the Retrieval Unit was also able to destroy the drones in the city. And now the three professors approach, followed by a fleet...!

Is this Yellow Cake's fleet, then...?
There are so many...
...are in one of those ships, aren't they?
The three profes-sors...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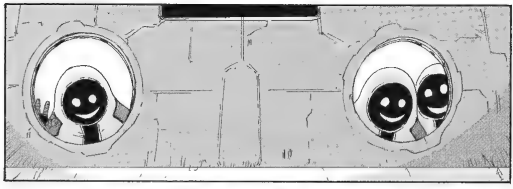
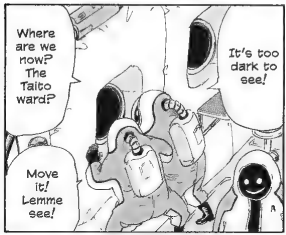
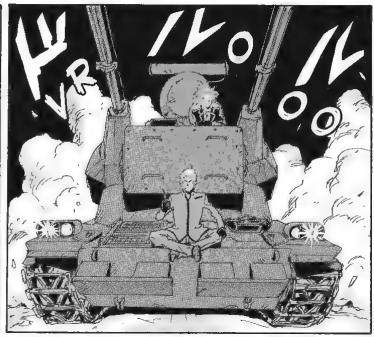
RRRMM



Yeah! Let's get this over with and get out!
We're not here for sight-seeing.

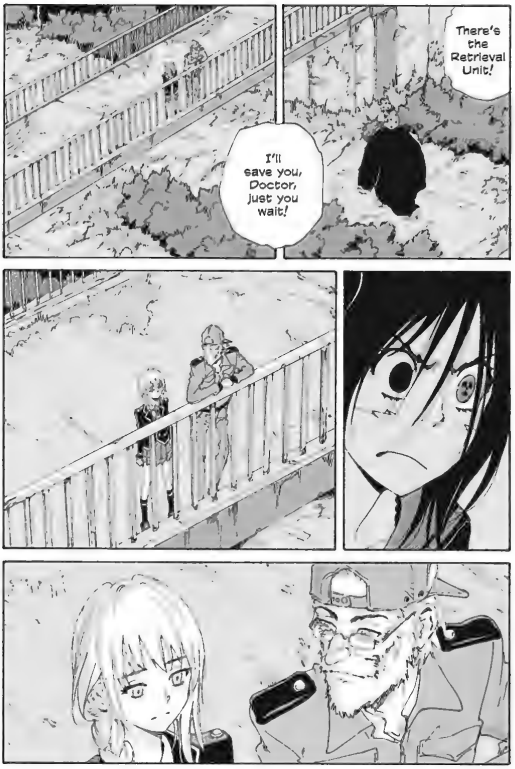

Where are we now? The Taito ward?
It's too dark to see!
Move it! Lemme see!

The pro-fessors are down-town now.
Come in, boss.


VR
VR

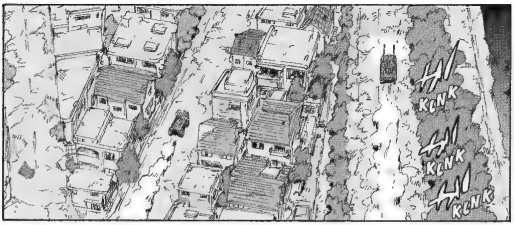
Yes'm.
KRNK
KRNK
KRNK
KRNK
Welp, time to go...!
FVVT
COPY.
WE'RE READY. COME BACK.
Hold on now, didn't the professors go against the government?
They want to give Aoi Fukasaku to the three professors.
Let's tail them.
Where're they goin'?!
KRNK
KRNK
They're on the move!
KRNK
Looks like they're under Yellow Cake's thumb, now.
Yeah...

ゴーン
RRRMM
ゴーン
RRRMM
Pretty *rude* ta be makin' all that noise in the middle'a the night.
What's that?
ゴーン
RRRMM
ゴーン
RRRMM
!


There's the Retrieval Unit!
I'll save you, Doctor, just you wait!

Miss Ichi-kawa ...?
Your face!
Miss Ichi-kawa ...
F
S
S
S
H
That girl...
He's been acting weird ever since she showed up...
I knew it...
Ha...

Please, Dr. Coppelius has been using you from the sta—
Miss Ichi-kawa ...
The Doctor's s'posed to be *mine!*
Where are you?!
Miss Ichi-kawa ...?!
FWAP
Miss Ichi-kawa...!
F W S'' H
!

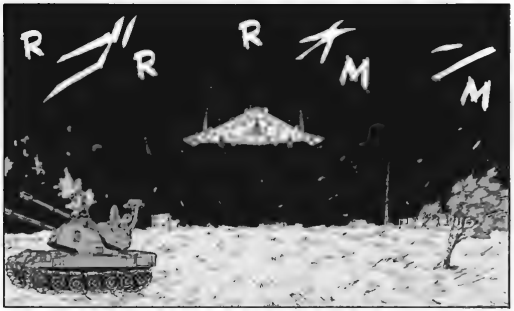

KENK
KENK
KENK

Where are they headed to?
It's the Sumida River...

Look, sis! A riverbank!

RRRR
RRRR
MMM
MMM
KENK
KENK

They need somewhere big enough for an aircraft to land...
Some sort of clearing.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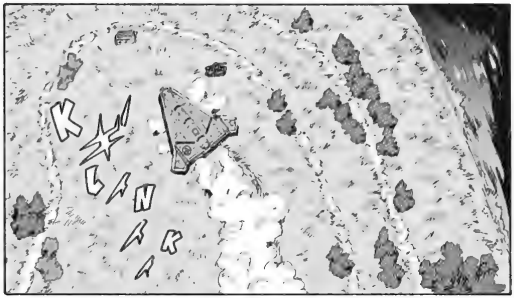
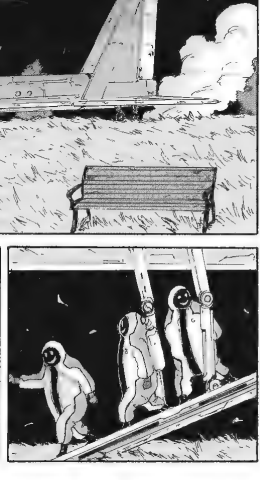
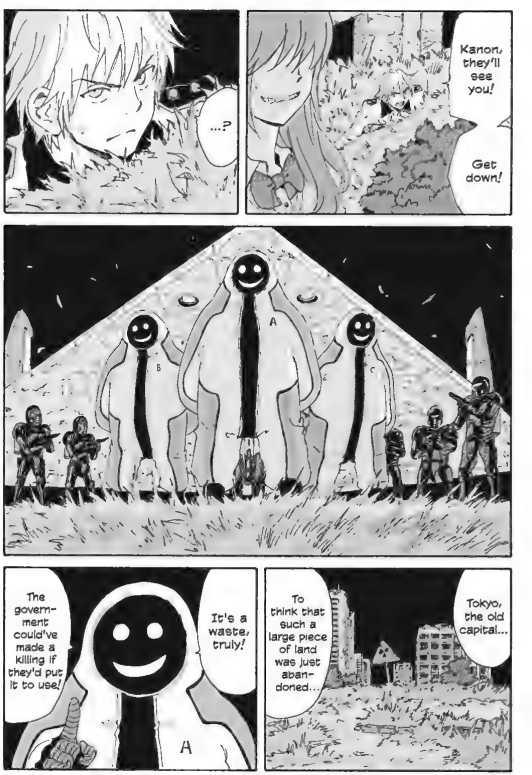

KLANK

We'll watch from here!
They've landed.

There they are...!




...?
Kanon, they'll see you!
Get down!
A
B
C
The government could've made a killing if they'd put it to use!
It's a waste, truly!
A
To think that such a large piece of land was just abandoned...
Tokyo, the old capital...

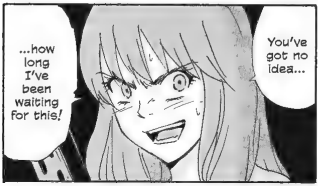
We got our photos, we're ready to go back to Kyoto!
Where's the Retrieval Unit?
I told you we're not here for sight-seeing!
CLICK
What are you fooling around for?
SWSH
Ooh, look, it's Tokyo Skytree!
GRRRMM
CLICK
Okay, just one more!

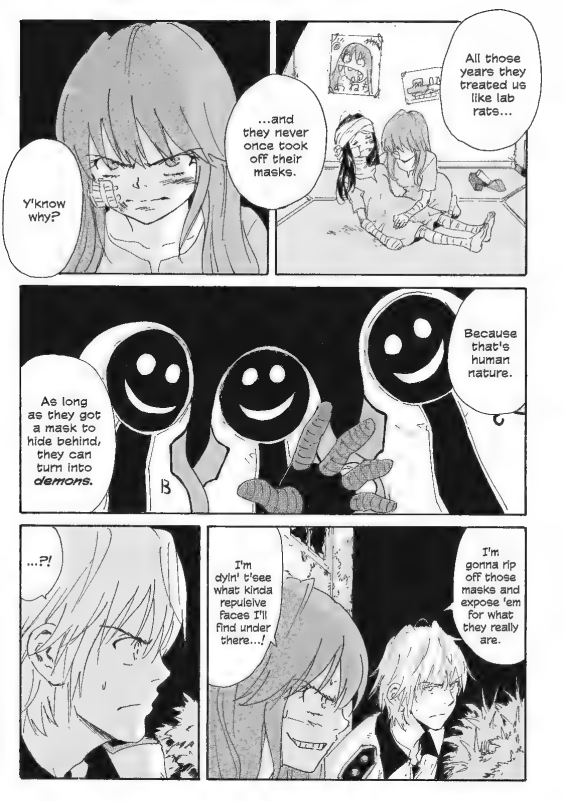
D-Don't sneak up on us!
The Retrieval Unit...!
C
A
B

...I've got unfinished business with those three.
Haruto, you grab Aoi Fukasaku.

We'll have to ambush them to stop it...!
They've started negotiations!

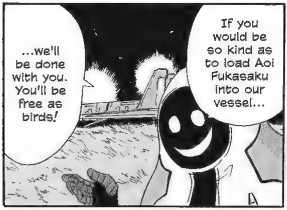
Do you plan on killing them?
For revenge?


...how long I've been waiting for this!
You've got no idea...

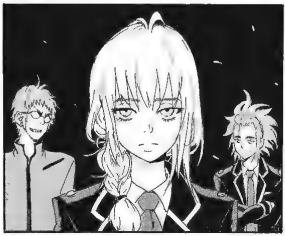

Y'know why?
...and they never once took off their masks.
All those years they treated us like lab rats...
As long as they got a mask to hide behind, they can turn into demons.
Because that's human nature.
...?!
I'm dyin' t'see what kinda repulsive faces I'll find under there...!
I'm gonna rip off those masks and expose 'em for what they really are.

Huh...?

I don't see Aoi Fukasaku!
Something's off...


If you would be so kind as to load Aoi Fukasaku into our vessel...
...we'll be done with you. You'll be free as birds!

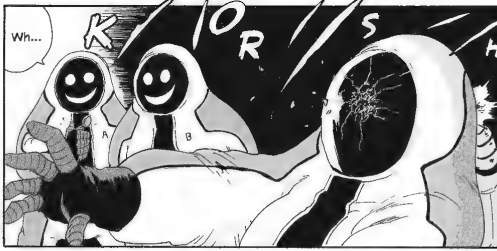
Well done, Retrieval Unit!
Let's get straight to business.



I don't even *mean* to press it! If we don't reset those microchips, it's only a matter of hours before they blow up on their own!
All it would take is one press of this button— and the kill switches embedded in your brains will explode!
You can't have forgotten the position you're in...!
What's the hold-up...?
POP
You tormented us...
You have no respect for human life.
?!
FVVT
SHE'S WITH ME.
THAT DOLL IS MY CREA-TION, AFTER ALL.
Have you gone mad?! I'll press it, you know! Now where is Aoi Fukasaku?!
You bitch...!

I'm watching from a distance.
What's the meaning of this?!
SHWSH
That voice... Dr. Coppelius?!
Show yourself!
YOU WERE BEHIND IT, WEREN'T YOU?
...
WHEN I WAS SUDDENLY CHASED OUT OF THE EXPO PARK LABORATORY...
I OWE A GREAT DEAL TO YOU!
PROFESSORS...
...and deserve nothing more than to fertilize this holy land.
You are disgraces as scientists...

CLICK
Dammit...!
Die!
Hurry!
The button! Press it!
A
B
Is it broken?!
CLICK
H-Huh?
CLICK
CLICK
You mashed it too much, you fool!
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
CLICK
BAM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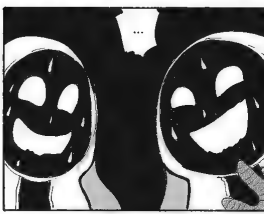
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Shoot! Mow them down!!
Wh-What are you standing around for?!
TA
TA
TA
TA
TA

WHUMP

H
W
O
O
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O

K
R
A
S
H

Kill them! Hit them, you imbeciles!
TRAAA
Ee-eek!!
RA
TA
TA
TA
My... my suit!!
Aaa-argh!!
HUFF
WHEEZ!
AHHH
Gah!!
WH...UMP

R
R
R
They're taking off!
But most of 'em aren't even on board...!
Crap...! That's my prey they're pickin' off!
Look!
BAM
?!
Stay down there! Die like the insects you are!
FWAP
Unhand me, you fools!
YOU HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN THAT THOSE WERE MY INVENTION, HAVE YOU?
FWT
OH, YES, ABOUT THOSE MICRO-CHIPS IN THEIR BRAINS...

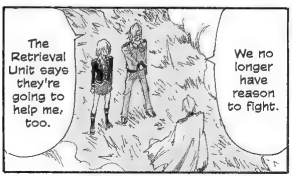
TRMBL
TRMBL
TRMBL
THE RETRIEVAL UNIT IS ALREADY FREE.
I RESET THEM.
Ah.
FWMP
Do you want money? I can give you as much as you want! Yellow Cake is loaded!
W... Wait! I was only following orders, I swear!
KRNCH

?!
SWAP
ゴオオオオオ
RRRRM
I have to... I have to hold my breath or...!
Urgh... someone... help...!
WEEE
チュドーン
BWEEM
Haruto ...?!
KABOOM
?!
This way!
GRAB
KRSSSSHH

FWMP
So, we meet again!
Yo!
That's as far as you go, Haruto.
You...!

You'll be coming with us.

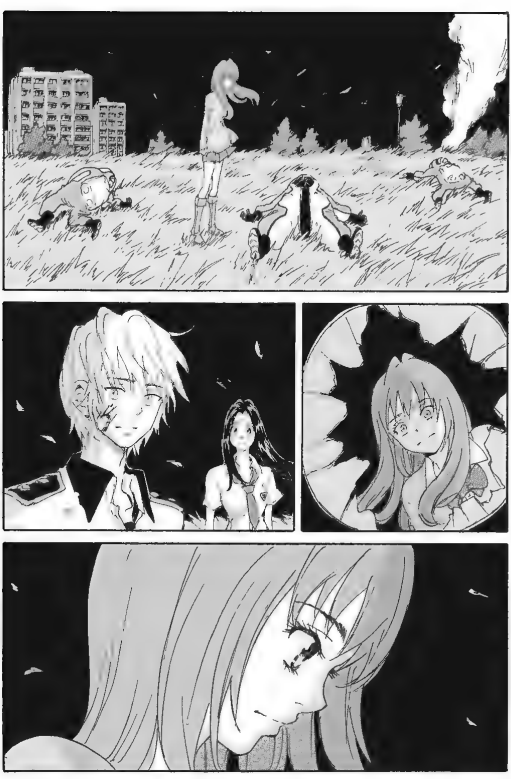
My grand plan has entered its final phase...
...and I'm in need of your assistance.


We no longer have reason to fight.
The Retrieval Unit says they're going to help me, too.

And you will be the symbol of a new era–
We'll build an empire here.
We're still cleaning up here and now.
We're not interested in a new era.
Don't leave us outta the fight!
Oh Haru-tooo...!
TMP
TMP
TMP

FWOOM
Oof!
WHUMMP
BOOM
OVWEEE
EEEE

And how long will that take?
Still cleaning up, you say?
R R R
M M
...?
Still, it's hard to believe that Yellow Cake would just retreat...
Things are different now that Dr. Coppelius interfered.
They're still goin' away...
What'd they come for?



TMP
TMP
SWP
Let bygones be bygones.
They were just ordinary people...
SWSH
SWSH

KREE
...?
Oh!
You're awake!
Ryuno-suke...!
I'm so glad you're okay!
Yup! I'm fine, thanks to you!

...that Haruto joined up with us!
Ryuno-suke told me...
Should you be up already ...?!
CLOP
Oh my, Miss Represen-tative!
CLOP
And we can talk to Miss Taeko and the others in Denen-chofu now, too!
Oh, yes!
We just heard from the vice principal...
The submarine should arrive at Haneda Airport around 2:00 AM.
None at all, Ibara!
Any problems on your end?!
Taeko!

KOFF
Oh no! Alice's condition is...!
BEEP
!
TAEKO ...?!
TAEKO, COME IN...!
FWT
The situation suddenly takes a turn! Alice's life is in grave danger...!
to be continued...

Near-Future
Science-Fiction
Action

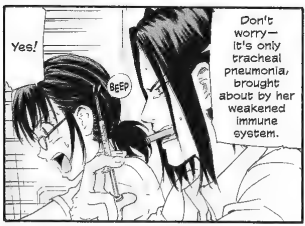
Act 17
[Roll Out!]

COPPELION

Special Forces against radiation

presented by
Tomonori Inoue

Alice's unstable condition crumbles...!
RESCUE
RESCUE
109
2036 AD. The three professors invaded Tokyo with a Yellow Cake fleet behind them! But the Retrieval Unit are now working with Dr. Coppelius. Not only did they refuse to hand over Aoi Fukasaku—they murdered the three professors! At the same time, Alice's fragile condition changes...?!
Midnight, August 14, Denenchofu—


Yes!
BEEP
Don't worry—it's only tracheal pneumonia, brought about by her weakened immune system.

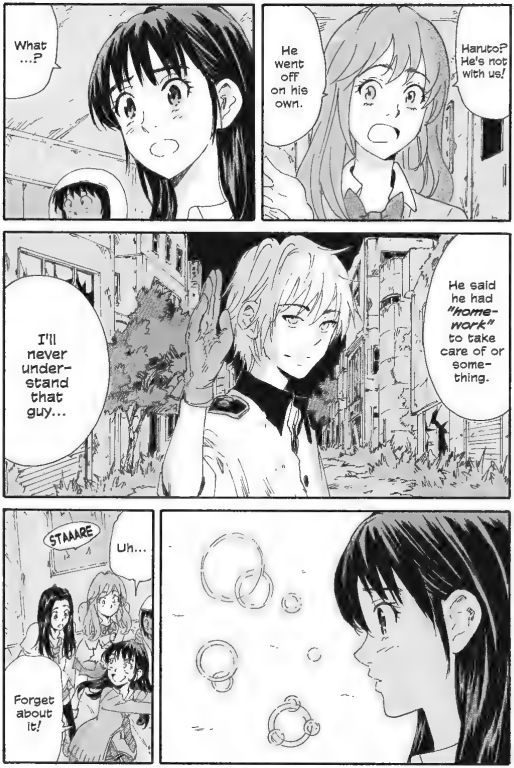
BEEP
Yes! I'll tell Mama Akiko!
Once she's stable, get the bus moving! We don't have any time to spare!
BEEP

BEEP
Put her on her side. Keep her breathing!
Yes!
I'm going to administer a hemostatic agent. How's her pulse?!
It's slowing!

...Alice is okay...?
Do you think...
地像室
Tokyo Uni-versity —
Why must such an awful thing befall an innocent child?
If only we could take her place...
She was coughing up blood?
How's her condi-tion?!
Alice...
Taeko!
IBARA!
FWT

BEEP
But we can't give her proper care here...
BEEP
We need to take her to a real hospital—
Her breathing has calmed. She's sleeping.
She's safe for now...!
Just leave it to me!
We're already on our way.
Can you head for Haneda?!
The VP should be there in two more hours!
I'll make sure everyone gets on that submarine!
109

Don't fret, rep, you can leave them in her hands!
Little Miss Taeko's come a long way.
Phew... thank God!
Heeey, we're baaack!
You're right!
Yeah ...
...What're you lookin' for?
SWSH
SWSH
Oh, I...
Yo, Ibara Naruse!
We had our-selves a throw-down.
SMACK
Ozu sisters!


What ...?
He went off on his own.
Haruto? He's not with us!
I'll never understand that guy...
He said he had "homework" to take care of or something.
STAAARE
Uh...
Forget about it!

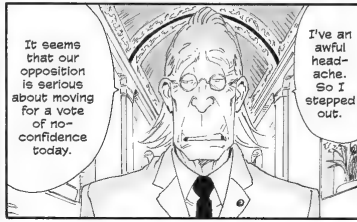
Now then...
It's a new day.
Let's review the situation.
55 survivors are headed to Haneda Airport by bus.
Hold on, now! Don't forget about them Fossil-oids!
We've got no idea when they might come after us!
An' the Black Wings drones were all de-stroyed...
So the government can't push us around!
Oh yeah, those things. How many of 'em were left again?
There were... let's see now...
The only enemy left is Dr. Coppelius an' the Retrieval Crew—who snatched up Aoi Fukasaku.

Tokyo Eco Summit Round Table—
DOOOM
ONE
ONE
...

Ah... Secretary Ougai!
Yes, sir!
Colonel Komatsu.
FWIP
Shouldn't you be at the conference?

...

How odd! I thought we'd taken care of that...
I see...!


It seems that our opposition is serious about moving for a vote of no-confidence today.
I've an awful headache. So I stepped out.

There was a malfunction! I'll see to it that those responsible are dealt with!
HUH?
FWAP
Y-Yes, sir!
The Black Wings drones were wiped out, weren't they?
We may not have the time for that.
Komatsu.
We'll exhaust every option to recover Aoi Fukasaku—
We'll draft a new plan immediately!
CHK
But Secretary...
It's in the best interest of the country to—
While we're playing this foolish card game, that threat is steadily returning.
CLOP
CLOP
The coffin surrounding Daiba has been reopened.

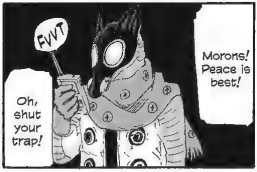
The best interest, you say...
What *is* in a country's best interest?
SWP
Th- That voice!
GREETINGS, GENTLEMEN!
...
CHK
It's coming from the round table...!

IT IS I, DR. COPPELIUS! A GOOD MORNING TO YOU ALL!
HA HA HA HA!
What madness is it this time?!
It's him!
...He's back to strike a deal.
You bastard... what did you do with the completed Coppelion?!
Y-You again!
CLATTER

...I'M HARD AT WORK COMPILING DATA.
NOW THAT AOI FUKASAKU IS BACK IN MY POSSESSION...
EVERYONE LISTENING? I WON'T REPEAT MYSELF.
CLACK
Yes... the completed Coppelion genome map.
You know what I'm referring to, do you not?
CLACK
CLACK
...YOU WOULD BE ABLE TO CREATE AS MANY FLAWLESS "SUPER-HUMANS" AS YOU PLEASE.
...NO MATTER HOW WEAK THE NATION...
WITH THIS DATA...

!
I'LL MAKE YOU AN OFFER.
BUT AS YOU NOW KNOW, THAT WAS A WASTE OF MONEY AND EFFORT.
AND SO—
YOU FOOLS ATTEMPTED TO STEAL THIS POWER THROUGH FORCE...
BWAAAAM
Wh—? You bastards!
...TO THE FIRST COUNTRY TO FULFILL MY CONDI-TIONS.
I'LL GIVE THE GENOME DATA...
Tell us...!
What are your condi-tions?!

The survivors are our first priority.
Let's head for Haneda!
Alright!
SHNK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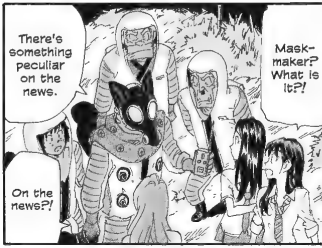
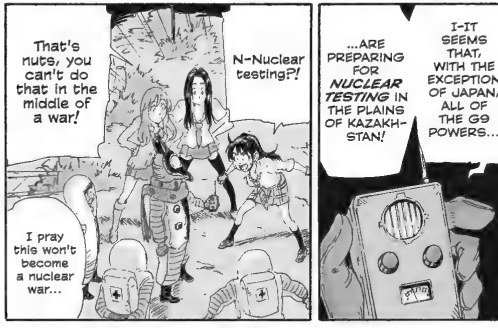
Oh, shut your trap!
Morons! Peace is best!

Nooo that's so boring, I wanna fight something!
Say what?!


There's something peculiar on the news.
On the news?!
Mask-maker? What is it?!

Miss Ibara!

WHILE FORCES FROM AROUND THE WORLD AWAIT ORDERS IN KAZAKHSTAN...
WE HAVE AN URGENT REPORT!
THIS IS NEWS PLANET RADIO!


That's nuts, you can't do that in the middle of a war!
N-Nuclear testing?!
I pray this won't become a nuclear war...
...ARE PREPARING FOR NUCLEAR TESTING IN THE PLAINS OF KAZAKHSTAN!
I-IT SEEMS THAT, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF JAPAN, ALL OF THE G9 POWERS...

Secretary Ougai, please respond!
HQ is on channel 1.
I dunno!
Sis, what's nuke-you-ler testing?

You've heard fore-boding news, perhaps?
What is it?
FWT
IT'S ME, IBARA NARUSE!
SECRE-TARY OUGA!
Is it Dr. Coppelius' doing?!
The nuclear testing...
He's promised a special prize...
...to the fool who meets his ridiculous conditions.
It's a *nuclear attack* on Kazakhstan land, Miss Represen-tative.
Nuclear testing... is that what they're calling it?
RAAA
An attack induced by Dr. Coppelius, of course.

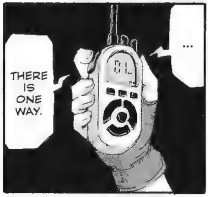
Then... in exchange for a nuclear attack...
...he's handing over the technology to create more Coppelion?!

You started to first!
You fool! Why are you preparing for nuclear testing?!
RAA
RAA
Naturally, no country wishes to launch nuclear missiles.
How-ever—
...They're in the midst of a heated debate now.
Even if *we* don't do it...
Wait!
Stand down! Do not fire! It absolutely, positively must not happen!
No matter what! Think of the planet's future!
Listen, everyone— do *not* launch those missiles!
It's starting to sound like you're *encouraging* us to fire!
RAA
R-A-A-
D!!
M!!

We'll have to make as if we refuse to do it... while finishing our preparations before they can!
Shit!
Then they'll get their hands on that data!
BAM
We're back to where we started!
...
The super-powers...
Might not be so hesitant!
Miss Representative...
Even I am at a loss.
If it's to gain supremacy over a new age...
...one of them may very well press the fire button.

Is there any way to stop this?!
What's your plan?

YOUR VICE PRINCIPAL'S HUNCH WAS RIGHT.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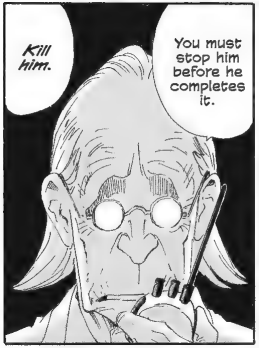
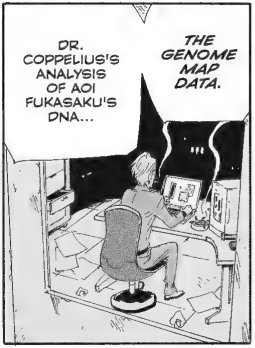
THERE IS ONE WAY.

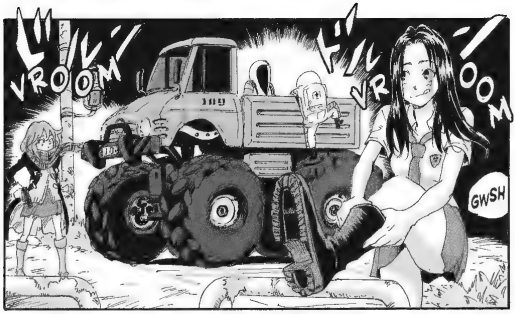

You must stop him before he completes it.
Kill him.


DR. COPPELIUS'S ANALYSIS OF AOI FUKASAKU'S DNA...
THE GENOME MAP DATA.

...
Look, asshole...
You can't just order us around!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MUCH YOU SCREWED US OVER?!
AND YOU STILL WANNA ORDER US AROUND LIKE PUPPETS?!
THAT'S BULLSHIT!
...I no longer have any right to do so.
Our administration may come crashing down by the end of the day.
But... I want you to know one thing.

I've always had Japan's best interests in mind.
And now...
...it's suffocating me.
But...
I could never kill anyone.
...Secretary Ougai.

I *can* save people.
That's what I believe!
Whatever, have it your way!
Yaaay! Fight, fight!


VROOM
VROOM
GWSH

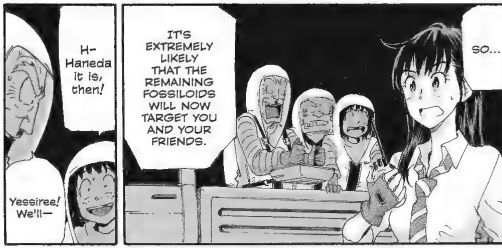
Hoho! If a nuclear war starts, what's the point in leavin' Tokyo?
This fight's for humanity!
We can help!

H-Hey, Ryuno-suke!
You're goin' to Haneda!

The Doctor seems to be a very thorough man.

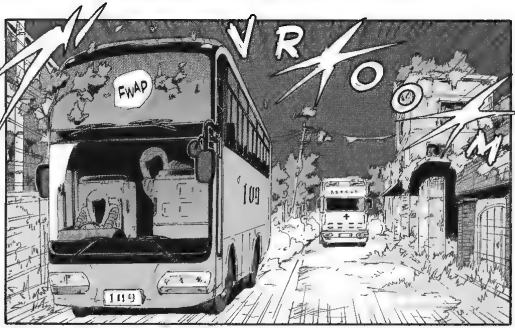
?!
MISS REPRESENTATIVE... ONE MORE THING.

He's ordered the G9 leaders...
...to do "everything in their power"...
...to stop anyone in Tokyo from interfering with his work.


So...
IT'S EXTREMELY LIKELY THAT THE REMAINING FOSSILOIDS WILL NOW TARGET YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS.
H-Haneda it is, then!
Yessiree! We'll—

Okay ...
Changin' your tune now, are ya?
Start up the Edon Type-O!
KCHK
I-I don't wanna die here!

This's our last battle...
Roll out!
H
W
O
O


FWAP
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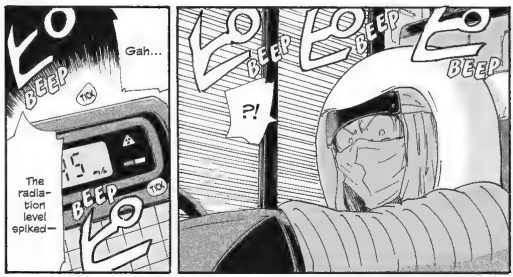
Alice is in danger, we can't take our time!
VROOM
Shouldn't you slow down?!
Hey...!


BEEP
TICK
Gah...
The radiation level spiked—
BEEP
TICK
BEEP
BEEP
BEEP
?!

SLAM
Dammit !!
Hit the brakes!
A danger zone!
SKREE
I-I can't, we're too heavy!
We're tipping over!
Idiot!
Get it back under control!
AAH!

SLAM
TMP
SKRRSH
THUD
KRISH
The bus!
Oh, no...!
FSSSH

I know! Help me!
RAA
Mama Akiko! There's smoke—
Is everyone okay?!
Hurry!
Everyone, we can get out from here!
RAA
SPARK
...?!
43... 44... only one more—
Everyone, away from the bus!
Quickly!
Miss Oshizu ?!
BEEP!

RATATATA
It's too late!
The fire's—
R-Radiation! It's comiling!
BEEP
BEEP
DASH
Ah...
Taeko!!
BOOM
!!

...
RAAA
It blew!
Run!
FWOOOOM
SMOOSH
Thank the stars you're alright!
T-Tae-kooo!

They're all gone!
The oxygen tanks...
What do we do now...?!
We're not alright...
RESCUE
Walking to Haneda in these numbers... we'd just barely make it.
...About four hours worth.
How much oxygen do you have left?
Mr. Asimov...

Let's move!
RESCUE
We're making a detour!
Every-one, hang in there!
SW
Their determination to survive is unhindered...!!!
SH
to be continued...

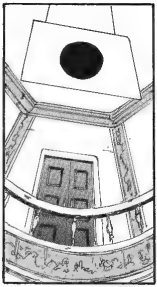
Near-Future
Science-Fiction
Action

Act 18
[The Record from 2011]

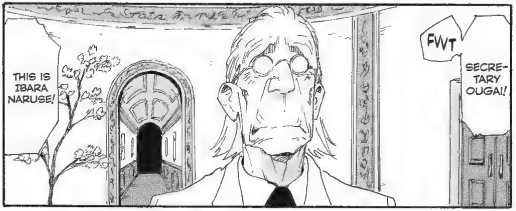
COPPELION

presented by
Tomonori Inoue

The survivors have lost their ride to Haneda... but they keep moving in order to survive!
THE BUS TIPPED OVER?!
WHAT?!
2036 AD. Dr. Coppelius once again contacted the G9 heads of state. In exchange for Aoi Fukasaku's genome map, he demands a nuclear attack on Kazakhstan. Ibara and company must find the Doctor before he can complete his data. Meanwhile, the bus carrying the survivors has tipped over!
That's 15 kilometers from Haneda. Do you have enough oxygen?
You're in Denenchofu, right?
Fortunately, no one was injured.
Yes, Ibara.
And everyone else can take turns resting inside it...
WHEEZE
We can carry the elderly in the ambulance.
So we should be able to walk to Haneda...



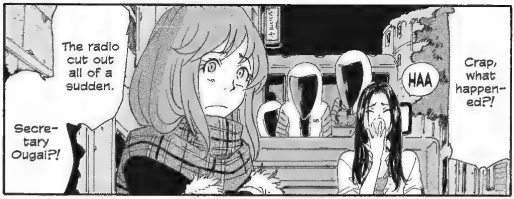
Wait, there might be somebody who can help us—
...!


THIS IS IBARA NARUSE!
FWT
SECRETARY OUGAI!

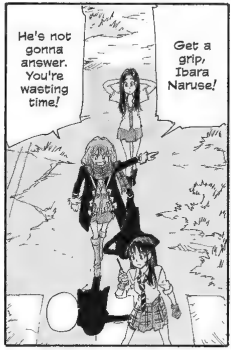
There's just one request we have in exchange. Please!
No, but... we will!

Have you located Dr. Coppelius already?
What is it, Miss Representative?

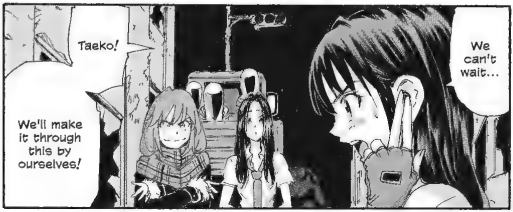
Very well. Let's make a deal.
A request?
ウィーン
SECRETARY OUGA!?
ARE YOU THERE? SECRETARY?
FVVT
Could we have a moment?
KREEE
Hello there, Ougai!


The radio cut out all of a sudden.
Secretary Ougai?!
HAA
Crap, what happened?!

The thing is... you can't trust those guys!
You were gonna try to get the Secretary to send a helicopter, weren't you?


He's not gonna answer. You're wasting time!
Get a grip, Ibara Naruse!

But they just want to use you again!
They start actin' meek when their asses are on the line...


Taeko!
We'll make it through this by ourselves!
We can't wait...

Yes, Mr. Asimov. Please look after Alice!
I should stay in the ambulance.
I'm sure we'll make it in time, Ibara!
Yes!
...to Haneda!
Let's go...

KR
SH
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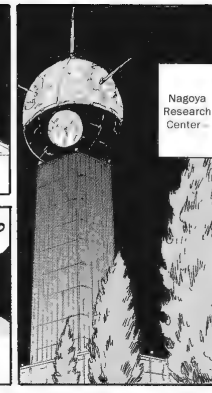
He went flying off with the Retrieval Unit in that triangular jet, right?
AHHM
HMM
Great, but where do we look?!

Okay... we're gonna find Dr. Coppelius...
And capture him before he finishes mapping out Aoi's DNA!

There's no way to chase after them, then!
VWEE
Wouldn't they've left Tokyo far behind by now?

This is the only place he can move freely.
He lived in secrecy for years and years...
...No.
He's still in Tokyo!
You want to save *him*?
The man who created our nightmares?

SLURP
SLURP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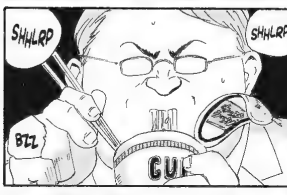

SHHLRP
SHHLRP
BIZ
CUP

I have a favor to ask!
Ah, Mr. Mushanokoji!
You're off the clock? This isn't the time to be kidding around!

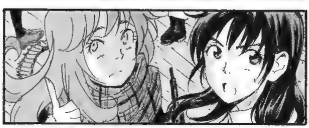
RINGALING
Ibara Natsue Incoming Call
Not again!

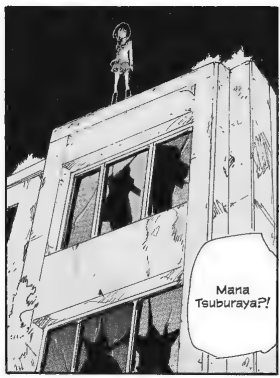
Doesn't she know how late it is?!
BEEP
I'd better get paid overtime for this!

...
Yes? What's that?
KREE
What do you want me to hack *this* time?
Yes, yes, I know!
You want me to run that name through the public facility recorde?
"Setsuna Itami"?
Well...
It's not as if I *can't* do it...
CLACK

Wh-What is it, Kanon?!
Stop! You humans, get far away!
CLANG
WHOA!

DING




Mana Tsuburaya?!

Weren't you with Meisa Ichikawa?
Where've you been?!

Couldn't you have come down?! You're wearing us out!
You ...!
HUFF
HUFF

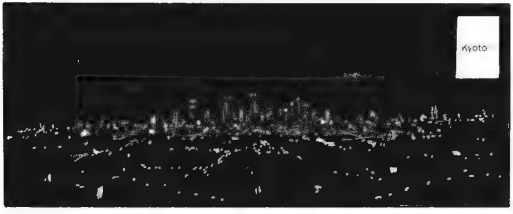
...went off...
...somewhere.
She...

Forget about Miss Sulky and help us out!
Look, that's the least of our worries!

The poor thing...
She thinks Dr. Coppelius betrayed her.
She's all alone.

...a triangular jet...
Well, there *was*...
You seen any dubious-lookin' crafts in the skies?
We're lookin' for Dr. Coppelius.
Du-bious ...

Where?
?!


Kyoto

Maybe he doesn't care for an evening drink.
Won't you have a glass, Ougai?
It stands no chance to pass! Not when you have the aid of our "alliance"...
There's to be a vote of no-confidence, yes?
We'd like the Prime Minister's signature, as usual.
What was our business again..?
State your business.
I'm in a hurry.

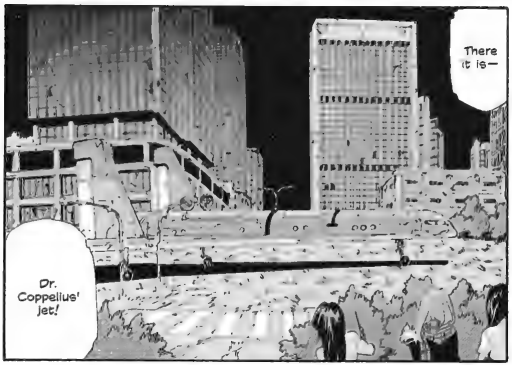
This time will be incredible! It will increase our business exponentially!
But of course!
FWAP
Nuclear power plants, that is.
Do you intend to sell them overseas again?
But they've agreed to give us preferential treatment in the negotiations, so long as we can fulfill one condition!
The high payoff brings with it more competition, of course!
However, there's not much time!
And what might that be?
A condition?

To take all of the waste produced by the nuclear plants...
...into Japan!
We've already protested that.
And wherever in Japan would you—?
There's always Tokyo!
If not, we could always dump it in Central Asia!
HMMM

This way, growing nations won't use it for nuclear weapons.
It's a measure for peace, just like they wrote in the Non-Proliferation Treaty.
HA HA HA!
The coffin enclosing Daiba nuclear plant may have reopened.
Is this truly the time to be exporting nuclear power?
That's still under investigation, yes?
Which is as good as saying that it hasn't happened!
Come, now, Ougai!
The revival of Japan's economy rests in your hands!
This is it.
Just sign here.

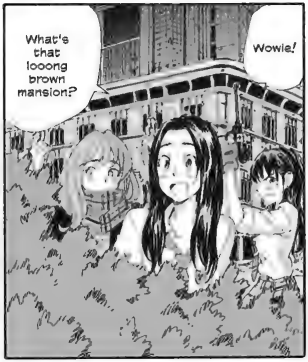
Wait...
Then the ones who proposed the vote of no-confidence—
What-ever is he talking about?
I've no idea.
Although it is true...
...that we could change the outcome of that vote with a single word.
Take some time to think.
We'll come for your answer at dawn.
WMMMM

RAA
RAA
RAA
RAA
I REPEAT! DISPERSE AT ONCE!
STAND DOWN!
A WORLD WITHOUT NUKES!
NO NUKES!


There it is—
Dr. Coppelius' jet!

!
It's Tokyo Station.

Look!


What's that looong brown mansion?
Wowie!

Hope you've got nine lives, then!
KCHK
Don't shoot it up— I wanna take survivors
Maybe we could fix it!
WHAP

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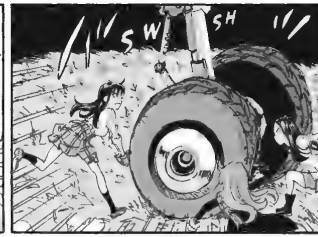
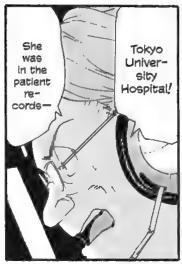
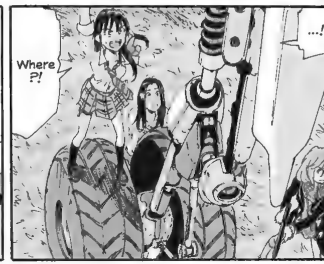
BVVT
THIS IS MUSHANOKOJI CALLING FROM NAGOYA!


SWISH

There was a hit for the name "Setsuna Itami"!
I found something!

Wait, what did you just say?!
We're about to infiltrate—


She was in the patient records—
Tokyo University Hospital!

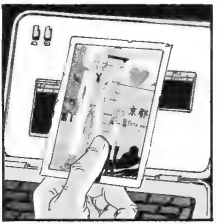

Where?!
...!

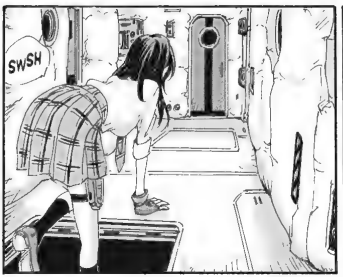
Amputated?!
Her left leg was amputated at Tokyo University Hospital in April, 2011.
Setsuna Itami, 15 years old.
Provider ID
Recipient ID
Expiration
June 2014
Name
Setsuna Itami
DOB
April 5, 1996
Address
TEL
Occupation
Student
Family
15:00~
She was alive 25 years ago...!
This must be a record from the original Setsuna Itami.
CLACK
Yes. She's not another clone!
TMP
Does it list her guardian...?
GWSH

That might be Dr. Coppelius' real name!
...
Who's that?
Let's see... "Matasaburo Itami"?
There's no doubt about it.
His daughter.
Then this girl, she's—
Huh...?!
We need that clue!
Yes.
You want me to investigate their relationship?
...

It's the only thing that can pull him up...
...out of the dark-ness.

SCREW
SCREW




SWSH

KREE

Phew, it's getting late...
Maybe I'll have some tea.
FWOOSH
BAM
Freeze, Dr. Coppelius!

Crap ...!
BEEEEP
?!
Run!
It's a trap!
WAHAHAHA
TIK

KRIII

...!
FWAA
UMP
Oof!
Shit!
The jet's ruined!
!!
Oh, were you still alive?

RA
TA
TA
TA
Heya!
Into the station!
RA
TA

KRASH
FWSH
KCHK

The Retrieval Unit...!

They're comin'... Shion! Kanon!
Yup!
Finally! We're all fired up!

We'll get 'em to spill Dr. Coppelius' location!
Lead 'em into the station house!
Next time, an all-out battle with the Retrieval Unit!
Move in.
to be continued…

COPPELION

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TOMONORI INOUE

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